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Nurses' quarters of Stanley Hospital.

* 158 *Q.*—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there is crowding in the nurses' quarters of the Stanley Hospital; and

(*b*) whether any provision has been made in the building scheme of the hospital for accommodation of the nurses as well?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) A programme of various items of extensions to the hospital which is under separate consideration provides for the construction of additional quarters for the nursing staff of the hospital. As it will take some time before the quarters are constructed, the Surgeon-General is taking separate steps for the provision of temporary additional accommodation to relieve the existing congestion in the quarters, by putting up Military A and B sheds which are being built by the Industrial Adviser."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" Will the additional accommodation be for all the 127 nurses?"

The HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" The additional accommodation proposed is for 50 nurses."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" The strength of the nursing staff seems to be 127 and the existing accommodation is for 50 and 50 more is to be added, where will the balance of 27 be accommodated, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" That is the report of the Surgeon-General, Sir. According to that report provision has been made."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" Will the Government bring it to the notice of the Surgeon-General to provide accommodation for these 27 people also?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" The matter will be considered."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:—" Is there accommodation for male nurses also?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—If there are male nurses they will also be provided for."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:—" Will there be separate accommodation for male nurses?"

MR. PRESIDENT:—" Did the Hon. Minister state that the accommodation is joint?" (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" Separate accommodation will be provided."